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SUBJ: DEVELOPING NARCOTICS CASE

1. SINCE LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 17, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSISTING US COAST GUARD IN PURSUIT OF US VESSEL APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TRANSSHIP OR SMUGGLE NARCOTICS. COAST GUARD WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY GCOB EVENING SEPTEMBER 17 TO PICK UP DRUMS WHICH VESSEL THREW OVERBOARD INSIDE BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AFTER FAILING TO ELUDE CG VESSEL.

2. AT LAST REPORT, DRUMS CONTAINED 60 BALES OF MARIJUANA WEIGHING 200 POUNDS EACH.

3. COAST GUARD STANDING BY AWAITING REQUEST FROM US DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO MAKE ARREST. IN CONVERSATION WITH CABINET SECRETARY RODNEY BAIN, AMBASSADOR DETERMINED THAT IF GCOB GIVES PERMISSION TO U.S. CG TO MAKE ARREST WITHIN THREE MILES, IT WILL BE ON BASIS THAT VESSEL AND CONFISCATED MARIJUANA WILL BE TURNED OVER TO GCOB FOR SUBSEQUENT TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT. GCOB MIGHT ALSO DECIDE FLY BAHAMIAN POLICE OFFICIAL TO ANGUILLA CAY TO BOARD USCG VESSEL AND THEN MAKE ARREST.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GCOB POSITION ON WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT IF ARREST TAKES PLACE
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WITHIN BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS FOR ACTS WHICH ALSO TOOK

PLACE WITHIN BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IS CORRECT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH DEA ON THIS SO THAT AT SUCH TIME AS DEA AUTHORIZES CG TO MAKE ARREST, AND CG REQUESTS EMBASSY TO OBTAIN GCOB CONCURRENCE AND/OR PARTICIPATION FOR PROCEDURE TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THREE MILES, THERE WILL BE AGREEMENT ALL ROUND THAT VESSEL, CREW AND CONFISCATED NARCOTICS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO GCOB. IF THIS IS NOT SATISFACTORY THEN WE ASSUME ARREST WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE HIGH SEAS OR WITHIN US TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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